GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION IN RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared any scheme for the cleansing of Shipra and Chambal rivers of Ujjain district in Madhya Pradesh under the National River Water Conservation scheme;

(b) if so, whether the said scheme is meant for purification of water for the domestic use only;

(c) if so, whether there is no provision in the scheme to purify the poisonous water released by the industries located in Nagda and to release the same in the Chambal river;

(d) if so, whether the Chambal river would not get polluted again due to the poisonous water released by the industries;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to include the scheme to release the purified water of the industries in the Chambal river in the original scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government have sanctioned pollution abatement works at Ujjain for an amount of Rs. 24.92 crore and at Nagda for an amount of Rs. 3.72 crore for improvement of river water quality of Kshipra and Chambal respectively under the National River Conservation Plan. The objective of the scheme is to improve the river water quality by preventing the discharge of untreated domestic sewage into the rivers and diverting the untreated sewage for treatment.

(c) to (f) Monitoring and control of industrial pollution is also part of the National River Conservation Plan.But, it is done under the existing environmental laws. Each polluting industry is required to set up effluent treatment plant to ensure that the effluents are discharged only after treatment to the prescribed standards. The defaulting industries are liable for action under the law by the State Pollution Control Board.